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FRANKING MACHINE

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[origin: EP0132471A2] @ Postal franking apparatus is described in which the information to be printed onto an envelope is stored electrically in a memory and is read out to form printing control signals for controlling a thermal printer containing thermally activable inking means at a printing station into which the envelope is placed. The inking means may comprise a ribbon carrying or impregnated with ink. A resiliently deformable backing member is located at the printing station to accommodate variation in thickness of an envelope and content. In addition or alternatively a resiliently deformable printing head is employed.

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